

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	Robert W. Gettleman	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	08 C 903	DATE	March 18, 2008
CASE TITLE	Develle Spencer # 2006-0097519 a.k.a. Eric Hodges v. Dart		

DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

Plaintiff's motion for leave to file *in forma pauperis* is granted. [3] The court authorizes Cook County Jail officials to deduct \$9.50 from Plaintiff's account. The clerk shall send a copy of this order to Supervisor of Inmate Trust Fund Accounts, Cook County Dept. of Corrections Administrative Office, Division V, 2700 S. California, Chicago, Il. 60608. The clerk shall issue summons and attach a Notice of Availability of a Magistrate Judge to the summons for each Defendant, and send Plaintiff said Notice and Instructions for Submitting Documents along with a copy of this order. Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel is denied without prejudice. [4]. The U.S. Marshal is appointed to serve Defendants.

■ [For further details see text below.]

Docketing to mail notices.

STATEMENT

Plaintiff is granted leave to file *in forma pauperis*. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1), Plaintiff is assessed an initial partial filing fee of \$9.50. The supervisor of inmate trust accounts at the Cook County Jail is authorized to collect, when funds exist, the partial filing fee from plaintiff's trust fund account and pay it directly to the clerk of court. After payment of the initial partial filing fee, the trust fund officer at the correctional facility where Plaintiff is confined is authorized to collect monthly payments from plaintiff's trust fund account in an amount equal to 20% of the preceding month's income credited to the account. Monthly payments collected from plaintiff's trust fund account shall be forwarded to the clerk of court each time the amount in the account exceeds \$10 until the full \$350 filing fee is paid. All payments shall be sent to the Clerk, United States District Court, 219 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Il. 60604, 20th floor., and shall clearly identify plaintiff's name and the case number assigned to this action. The Cook County inmate trust account office shall notify state correctional authorities of any outstanding balance in the event Plaintiff is transferred from the Jail to a state correctional facility.

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STATEMENT (continued)

The United States marshals service is appointed to serve Defendants. The court directs the marshal to send the necessary USM-285 forms to Plaintiff so that he may provide the information necessary for the marshal to serve Defendants with process. The marshal is authorized to mail a request for waiver of service to Defendants in the manner prescribed by Fed.R.Civ.P. 4(d)(2) before attempting personal service on Defendants. If the Defendant is on leave, or has left the Department, or if the address provided is otherwise incorrect, the Department is ordered to furnish the Marshal with defendant's last known address. The information shall be used only for purposes of effectuating service and any documentation of the address shall be retained only by the Marshal and shall not be maintained in the court file nor disclosed by the Marshal.

The Plaintiff is instructed to file all future papers concerning this action with the clerk of court in care of the Prisoner Correspondent. The Plaintiff must provide the original plus a judge's copy of every document filed. In addition, the Plaintiff must send an exact copy of any court filing to the Defendants [or to defense counsel, once an attorney has entered an appearance on their behalf]. Every document filed must include a certificate of service stating to whom exact copies were mailed and the date of mailing. Any paper that is sent directly to the judge or that otherwise fails to comply with these instructions may be disregarded by the court or returned to the Plaintiff.

The Defendants as listed by Plaintiff are: Sheriff Thomas Dart, Director Salvador Godinez, Superintendent Snooks and Correctional Officer Morgan(first shift).

Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel is denied without prejudice. The court does not find that Plaintiff has made a reasonable attempt to obtain counsel or that he has been effectively precluded from doing so; and further, the Plaintiff at this stage, appears competent to litigate it himself, *Farmer v. Haas*, 990 F. 2d 319, 321-22 (7th Cir. 1993). At this point it does not appear that the difficulty of the case exceeds his capacity as a layperson to coherently present it to the judge or jury himself. *Pruitt v. Mote*, 503 F. 3d 647, 654-55 (7th Cir. 2007).